

Community Council

Minute of Ordinary Meeting of the Council on 12th May 2010

In Glencoe Village Hall 7.30pm

Present:
Cllr David Doogan
Cllr Gwen McTaggart
Cllr Ian William McTaggart
Cllr Anne Nelson
Cllr David Smith
Cllr Debbie Straker
Cllr
Cllr

Ex Officio Present:
Cllr
Cllr

Apologies Submitted:
Cllr Andy Nelson,
Cllr Denise Stewart
Cllr Jeanette Johnstone

Ex Officio Apologies:
Cllr

Not Present & No Apologies Submitted:
Cllr

The meeting started at: 7.30pm

Cllr David Doogan in the Chair.

Agenda	Narrative	Action & Owner
Visitor Presentation	<p>Wilma Allen the Manager from Abbeyfield Ballachulish came to speak to the CC. She felt she could clear up some misconceptions that may have developed and update us about Abbeyfield. She told us that Abbeyfield Ballachulish is a stand alone independent charity. A few years ago they took out a loan with Abbeyfield UK and one of the stipulations for this was that they had to keep Abbeyfield in the name. She wanted people to know that it is a community building providing a service to the local community. Like a lot of charities they are feeling the pinch at the moment and though they are a not for profit organisation they still find it a stretch to cover costs for the extra services they provide: such as a lunch club and the provision of a bus to transport day care visitors, Wilma told us that this is the first time they have had to introduce a small charge for this bus service. Up until now it has always been free of charge. Not only is Abbeyfield a major employer in the area, employing 42, mainly full time staff. Wilma said that up to 85 elderly people can be using the building on certain days providing an important service to the local community.</p> <p>The main source of income is from 24 residents' fees (including 6 NHS and HC nursing beds) as well as the rent from 12 Social Services sheltered flats. Day Care and Care at Home in the Community is also co-ordinated from Abbeyfield.</p>	

	<p>It is regulated by the Care Commission and has achieved excellent levels of service and is ranked amongst the top 25 care homes in Scotland. To maintain high standards they endeavour to offer their staff the opportunity to upgrade and further their training. All this costs money and in the past they have been able to access grants for this as well as a one off grant to buy a new bus. The running costs of the bus are £10,000 a year and this has to be found from the budget and from extra fundraising. They receive no other financial aid either from the Highland Council or the NHS other than fees for the 6 extra nursing beds provided after Glencoe Hospital was closed.</p> <p>The home is overseen by a Board of Trustees all of whom are volunteers. Two of the Trustees are not from the local area and have to travel a considerable distance to fulfil these duties. Abbeyfield Ballachulish would like to recruit local board members, preferably those with a business or professional background. They are also keen for help with fundraising events Wilma said this is currently a priority.</p> <p>David thanked Wilma for her presentation which was very enlightening. He invited her to attend and speak at the next meeting of ASLCC's so that she would be able to raise her points with a wider audience of community councils.</p>	
Open Forum	<p>A local resident raised concerns about the speed of some cars driving through the village. The resident also said that timber lorries have recently been coming through the village and going over the bridge to access the felling on the back road. This is an unsuitable access for them as they are forced to mount the pavement to get passed parked cars and so causing a danger to pedestrians and other traffic. The bridge being old and narrow is not designed for such heavy vehicles. DS said that the arrangement for lorries accessing the felling was that they use the back road. The Forestry Commission and the Police (about both issues) are to be contacted with our concerns and we will ask the FC that the lorry situation is stopped. Re-speeding - The advice that the CC received last time we brought the issue up with the police was for individuals to take the registration number of vehicles seen speeding through the village and report it directly to the police.</p> <p>Donald McAuley came to the meeting to ask for help with the up keep of his garden area by the river. He said that the planting is mainly perennial so doesn't need too attention. The grass requires occasional strimming as well as some basic ground maintenance. He was approaching the CC because he would like some help with this as it's too much work for him now. David's Smith and Doogan agreed to go along on Friday and see what was required. To liaise with Jeanette as she and her father have been helping out when they can.</p>	DD DD,DS
Approval Of Previous Minute	<p>The Minutes from the March: Proposed by David Smith and Seconded by Debbie Straker.</p> <p>The April Minutes: Proposed by Gwen McTaggart and Seconded by David Doogan..</p>	

Matters Arising From Previous Minutes	<p>Community Notice Board: This has been ordered from Allaround Signs.</p> <p>Two more benches have been ordered for the view point along with some trees and shrubs which have now been planted. Thanks go to Marion Moir for all her help in providing plants and help with planting them.</p>	AN
Correspondence	<p>Budget brief from the Highland Council</p> <p>Highland Council Community Council revue – requires comment</p> <p>Planning – nothing on local plan.</p>	
<p>Community Company Update</p> <p>AOCB</p>	<p>Update from David Smith. The Community Company are now seeking funding to continue with the extension to the orbital route. The next step is to measure the various points on the route and to meet with all the landowners to update them with the plans. All this is to be done before going to Planning.</p> <p>David Smith had received a complaint from a member of the public about a bonfire at the compost site. Anne agreed to notify residents if she plans to light any more but explained that this was unlikely to happen in the foreseeable future.</p>	
Next Meeting	<p>The next meeting to be held on Tuesday 8th June 7.30pm in the church hall.</p>	
Other Matters	<p>David asked Anne to contact Anne Marie Cameron for an updates and advice, protocol etc for the next meeting of The Association of South Lochaber Community Councils'. Glencoe & Glen Etive CC hold the Chair and Secretary's jobs for the next year. It is intended to hold the next meeting in St Mary's Church Hall on: 5th July 7pm. Gwen to check on availability of the Church Hall.</p> <p>Gwen says she'll organise some bedding plants for some the village tubs.</p> <p>The meeting ended at: 9.30pm</p> <p><i>This minute is DRAFT till approved by the Council at the next meeting and was taken by Anne Nelson.</i></p>	<p>AN</p> <p>GMcT</p>

